

Agency Foster Parents Agreement

In consideration of mutual obligations and in order to promote a clear understanding of the factors involved in providing foster care, the following agreement is being entered into by _____ (foster parents) and the _____

County Department of Social Services.

THE FOSTER PARENTS AGREE

- to allow the representative of the supervising agency to visit our home in conjunction with licensing procedures, foster care planning and placement.
- to accept children into our home only through the supervising agency and not through other individuals, agencies and institutions.
- to treat the child(ren) placed in our care as members of our family, and when recommended by the agency, to make every effort to support, encourage, and enhance the child(ren)'s relationship with their own parents.
- that the supervising agency has the final authority to make and carry out casework plans for the child(ren), such as adoption, transfer to other homes, or return to parents or relatives.
- that there will be continuous contact and exchange of information between the agency and ourselves about matters affecting the adjustment of the foster child(ren). We agree to keep these matters confidential and to discuss them only with the appropriate agency staff members, or other professional people designated by the agency.
- to consult with the supervising agency before taking the child(ren) out of our home for a period exceeding two nights.
- to report to the supervising agency any changes in the composition of our household, change of address, and any change in the employment status of any adult member of the household.
- that we shall not make independent plans for a child to visit the homes of his parents or relatives without prior consent from the agency.
- to adhere to the supervising agency's state plan of medical care---both for routine care and treatment and for emergency care and hospitalization.
- to provide the child(ren) with appropriate and responsible supervision at all times while he is in our home, and to not leave the child unsupervised or in the charge of inappropriate persons.

THE COUNTY DEPARTMENT AGREES

- to assume responsibility for the overall planning for the child(ren) and to assist the foster parents in meeting their day-to-day responsibility toward children in care.
- to inform the foster parents concerning the agency's procedures and financial responsibility for obtaining medical care and hospitalization.
- to pay the foster parents the established monthly board payment for children placed in the home.
- to discuss the plans to remove a child from the foster home and to give the foster parents reasonable period of notice before removing the child.
- to visit the foster home and child(ren) on a regular basis and be available to give needed services and consultation concerning the child(ren)'s welfare.
- to respect to the extent possible the foster parents preference in terms of sex, age range and number of children.

We have read the foregoing statements and have retained a copy of this document.

Foster Father _____ Date: _____ For the _____ Department of Social Services:

Foster Mother _____ Date: _____ _____ Date:

Title _____

Special Provisions: